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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Future Operations in Vietnam

In view of already programmed troop withdrawals from South Vietnam and those which may be recommended between now and July 1970, the President desires that remaining U.S. ground forces be deployed so that a major enemy offensive would involve early contact with U.S. forces. Recognizing the difficulties associated with this objective and the overriding need to provide maximum security for our forces, he has directed that the Washington Special Actions Group consider this problem on November 12 and provide him, by close of business on November 19, with a detailed analysis of the feasibility of meeting this objective.

In conjunction with the foregoing, the President desires to be informed before November 13, 1969, of those actions which would be taken under existing plans by U.S. Commanders in the event of a major enemy offensive:

- a. In the Delta, or
- b. In the DMZ area.

Henry A. Kissinger

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